THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The following was the requirement of the State Government of Manipur under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship (which PMS, *inter-alia*, covers Post-graduate courses also):—

Rs. in lakhs

Category	2000-01	2001-2002
SC	43.71	48.15
ST	665.56	737.49

(b) The grants-in-aid, as per the requirement of the State Government, was released to them by the Central Government in time. The State Government disbursed the majority amount during the respective financial year. But the entire amount could not be disbursed by the State Government in time due to a ban imposed by the Reserve Bank of India and, as a result, the unspent balances were carried over to the next financial year, for utilization.

(c) In order to ensure that the scholarship amount is disbursed on time,the Welfare Department of the State Government has requested its Finance Department to release the PMS amount on a priority basis, as it relates to the welfare of SCs & STs.

Low literacy schools for tribal girls

1315. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ; Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that low literacy schools for tribal girls are fully grantable and financed by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of such institution have not been paid grants for the last two years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several representations were made to Government by such schools and also by MPs; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not providing grants to these schools and by when the same would be given to such schools?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry extends 100 percent financial assistance for setting up and running of Education complexes for tribal girls in identified low literacy districts of the country.

(b) The institutions whose proposals, complete in all respects, were received along with a satisfactory Inspection Report from the District Collector/State Govt. have either been provided with a grant-in-aid or their proposals are under consideration in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The reasons for not providing grants or delays in providing grants are generally:

(I) Non receipt of proposals which are complete in all respect, as per, the guidelines of the scheme;

(II) Non-submission of Inspection Reports on performance of the organization by the State Govt.; and

(III) Enquiries into complaints on the performance of an organization.

These proposals which are complete in all respects and accompanied by a satisfactory performance report are processed expeditiously for the sanction of a grant, subject to the availability of funds under that budget head.

Communities demanding ST status in Assam

1316. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The names of communities of Assam whose demand for enlisting them as ST is pending;

(b) The names of those which fulfilled all the required criteria for such scheduling and target set for a final decision; and

(c) The details of the proposal to create Bodo Territorial Council by amendment of Sixth Schedule of the Consitution, future status of other tribes and communities in the Council areas?